

Forum To Be Held for all USDA Senior Executives

All USDA members of the Senior Executive Service (including those in the ST and SL categories as well as Foreign Service executives) are invited to an informational forum on the new law and regulations affecting them. The forum will be held January 6, 2004, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, in the Jefferson Auditorium. (Start time is 1:00 Central, 12:00 Mountain, 11:00 Pacific.)

The Subcabinet and the mission area human resources officers are also invited to attend this important event.

At the session, the U.S. Office of Personnel Management and USDA Departmental Administration will brief executives on the significant changes in their pay and performance systems and post-employment restrictions, under the National Defense Authorization Act, signed by the President on November 24, 2003. The new system becomes effective January 11, 2004.

Senior Executives nationwide will be able to call in questions for a panel of experts. The forum will be webcast live to the desktops of all USDA Senior Executives outside the Washington, D.C. headquarters complex. To see the webcast, go to <http://www.usda.gov/da/ERSD.html>.

A tape of the forum will be posted to the USDA web site so that anyone who is unable to attend, or wishes to review the session, may access it easily.

We look forward to seeing you on the 6th.

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